

REMARKS

Claims 31-49, 61-62 and 66-67 are pending in the present application. Applicants wish to add new claims 68-81, which depend from claim 31. New claims 68-81 correspond to cancelled claims 50-60 and 63-65, which were withdrawn and later cancelled in response to a Restriction Requirement. Applicants respectfully submit that new claims 68-81 are entitled to rejoinder according to MPEP §821.04(a) because these claims depend from or otherwise require all of the limitations of allowed claim 31. Support for the new claims 68-81 may be found in the application as filed, for example, on pages 48-51. Thus, no further search or examination would be required for entry of this amendment.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that the requested amendment to add new claims 68-81 after allowance of claims 31-49, 61-62 and 66-67 should be entered. A Notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If any questions remain, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number given below.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Respectfully submitted,

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